

1 Mentzer to speak in favor of the amendment.

2 DELEGATE MENTZNER: If the delegates have had
3 time yet to read SF-3 from Taxation and Finance, they will
4 notice that nearly all the objections were to the blanket
5 grant of taxing powers to the counties.

6 I would like to speak in favor of this amendment
7 because I think it focuses county attention on county
8 needs, and the ability within the county to meet their
9 needs.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson, do you desire
11 to speak in opposition?

12 DELEGATE CARSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

13 Your Committee on Local Government considered
14 this area for a considerable time, perhaps two weeks in
15 all, although not every moment of that time to be sure.
16 After full deliberation, the committee voted eleven to
17 seven to vote against such a device, thinking that at
18 best it was useless and sterile, and at worst, it was an
19 impediment to both the local governments and to the
20 state.

21 It is my understanding that the state, that